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Magrowiec

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1. The Biedrusko (P 53/X 27) troop training ground was used by Polish Army troops in July 1950. Soviet troops were allegedly no longer quartered there. The training ground bordered on the single-track Poznan-Coslina (P 53/X 28) railroad line to the east. It was hemmed in by a wire fence extending from Bolechowo (P 53/X 27) as far as about 3 km south of Owinska (P 53/X 27). Local residents said that the southern edge of the training ground was about 5 to 7 km north of Poznan. A single-track railroad line led from Bolechowo toward Biedrusko. \*
2. Installations seen from the Coslina-Poznan railroad line included:
  - a. Improved positions, apparently AA gun emplacements, between Coslina and Bolechowo, on both sides of the railroad line. No guns or sentries were seen there. The emplacements appeared to be well preserved.
  - b. A large parking lot with trucks and passenger cars north of Owinska, about 1 km west of the railroad line.
  - c. A castle-like building about 3 km south of Bolechowo on the other bank of the Warta River. According to local residents, this building was the headquarters of a Polish general who was the commandant of the troop training ground.
  - d. Equipment or ammunition sheds, on a stretch of about 2 km south of Owinska, in the triangle formed by the railroad line and Warta River.
  - e. There were no military loading ramps along the railroad line between Coslina and Owinska.
3. Local residents said that the Polish units at the training ground were motorized. They also stated that a Soviet detail was stationed between Poznan and the training ground.
4. There were no barracks installations in Magrowiec (P 53/S 30). At the end of July 1950, the RKU office of the Magrowiec district was located just west of the Magrowiec railroad station. The security police headquarters adjoined the RKU office to the west. A villa on the west side of the road to Margonin (P 53/S 22), north of the office of the county administration, housed the local

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headquarters.

5. No Soviet soldiers were seen in the Wąrowiec area prior to July 1950.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. Diedrusko is the former German parthelager troop training ground. The information on its perimeter and the railroad line leading from Poznan to the troop training ground agrees with a previous report. See

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